Fixing a time limit for the disposal of Civil Suits.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality).—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that original civil suits are not being disposed of by courts even five or six years after institution?

(*b*) Is it possible to fix by law a time limit within which such cases should be disposed of?

(*c*) Whether they would agree to enforce, at least in future, such a time limit?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—18. (*a*) There are a few such cases.

(*b*) and (*c*) The fixing of a time limit for the disposal of suits is impracticable.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*a*), will it be possible for the Government to say how many cases are pending for long?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—Not possible. Their number is very small. I have not got exact figures.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA.—Is it not possible to fix a time limit for the disposal of civil suits?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—The interests of the general public themselves will suffer if it is done.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA.—Are the Government aware that at present the parties are not in a position to know how long it will take for a case to be finally disposed of?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—The courts will try to dispose of cases as early as possible. They do not want to delay justice.

Appointment of a Board of Visitors to Government Hospitals in the Kolar Gold Fields.

MESSRS. B. BHASHYAKARALU NAIDU (Special Interests); A. L. DEVARAJA MUDALIAR (Minorities) and V. THANDONI (Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board Area).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether they have appointed any non-officials to visit the Government Hospitals in Kolar Gold Fields?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—19. No.

MR. BHASHYAKARALU NAIDU.—Is there any difficulty or objection to appoint non-official visitors to the hospitals in Kolar Gold Fields?

SENIOR SURGEON—At present, Boards of Visitors are appointed to the hospitals in Bangalore and Mysore and those at district head-quarters. As Kolar Gold Fields is not a district headquarter, no such board has been appointed. However, Government would have no objection to the proposal in principle.

MR. BHASHYAKARALU NAIDU.—If so, are the Government going to accept the suggestion and appoint non-official visitors to the hospitals in the area?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—There will be no objection to do it if it is considered necessary.

Mulberry Cultivation in the State.

MR. K. VENKATASAMI REDDI (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the total acreage under mulberry in the State?

(*b*) The area cultivated with mulberry in the State in the year 1927-28?

(*c*) The suggestions of the Tariff Board for the development of this industry?

(*d*) (i) Whether the Government are aware of these suggestions; (ii) if so, the arrangements made in pursuance thereof?

SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—20. (*a*) About 32,800 acres.

(*b*) About 50,190 acres.

(*c*) The member's attention is invited to the published report of the Tariff Board on this subject.

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(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Government have sanctioned various measures calculated to improve the industry and cheapen the cost of production. The question is receiving continuous attention.

MR. K. VENKATASWAMI REDDI.—What are the various measures referred to in answer to sub-section (*d*) (ii)?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Establishment of aided grainages, supply of disease-free eggs, research in mulberry cultivation, etc.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—For supplying disease-free eggs, the department charges full rates. What is the special favour shown to the sericulturists?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—It is not correct to say that full charges are being recovered. Government are supplying them at less than their cost price. As a result of the supply of disease-free eggs, the quality of silk throughout the State has been improved.

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—A special committee has been appointed to expedite research in various directions including supply of cross-bred cocoons, and to give effect to the recommendations made by the Tariff Board in the light of the evidence received by them both in and outside the State.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the acreage under mulberry cultivation has materially gone down and if so, have they ascertained the causes for such a decline?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—They have, and it is as a result of that knowledge that representations were made to the Tariff Board; that is why the Board have recommended special assistance to the sericultural industry in certain directions.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Have the Government promised any special protection to the local industry on account of special representations and recommendations?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—Yes, and this has been referred to in some detail by the Dewan in his Address at this session as well as the previous session. Some protection has been given, but Government are representing that more is necessary.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Is it not desirable for Government to take immediate steps to prevent the dumping of cheap foreign silks on the Mysore market?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—They would like to do it, but it is found to be a difficult problem.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Would it not be a step in that direction if municipalities were to levy an octroi duty on foreign silks?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—This is a question for the municipalities themselves to take up.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Seeing that the municipalities have not levied the duty, would it not be desirable for the Government themselves to suggest that they might do so?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—It is a matter on which the municipalities must take the initiative and solicit orders of Government.

MR. K. V. VEERANNA.—Are the Government aware that the price of local silk has fallen considerably on account of the dumping of China silk?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—That is not a supplementary question.

MR. P. SUBBARAMA CHETTY.—Are the Government aware that the Bangalore City Municipality have levied octroi duty on foreign silks?

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.—Notice.

Restoration of Malleswarakere Tank and the feeder channel of Kudumalakunte Villege, Goribidnur Taluk.

MR. N. VENKATA REDDY (Chikballapur Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of petitions received for the restoration of Sri Malleswarakere Tank and the feeder channel of Kudumalakunte Village, Goribidnur Taluk?

(*b*) For how many years the raiyats of that village have been petitioning in this behalf?